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1. The Sofia-Cherven Breg road was about 112 kilometers long and 8 meters wide. **most** of the road was paved. The worst section of the road was from Churek to Botevgrad where it passed through a mountainous section.
2. The Turnovo-Gorna Oryakhovitsa road, 6 kilometers long, was paved and in good condition. The road was supposed to be paved to Stalin (Varna). [redacted] one could drive 50 miles per hour on this road.
3. The Plovdiv-Krichim road was paved as far as Krichim station.
4. The Krichim-Devin road, 66 to 68 kilometers long, was not in good condition because of the mountains. The road had many dangerous curves, and a vehicle could average only 10 or 15 kilometers per hour on it.
5. The Sofia-Pernik road was paved and was 35 kilometers long and 8 meters wide. From Pernik to Trun the road was in fair condition and was four to six meters wide. Vehicles could go 30 to 40 kilometers per hour on it.
6. The Sofia-Gotets road was in good condition; it was 70 to 80 kilometers long and six to eight meters wide.
7. The Sofia-Pirdop road, 65 kilometers long, was paved and in good condition. It was six to eight meters wide. The worst portion of the road was from Sarantsi to Mirkovo where it passed through mountainous territory.
8. The Cherven Breg-Bela Slatina road, 65 kilometers long, was paved; it was four to six meters wide.
9. The Stalin (Varna)-Kurdzhali road, 112 kilometers long, was paved from Stalin to Burgas. From Burgas to Aytos the road was paved six to seven meters wide. The worst portion of the road was from Khaskovo to Kurdzhali where there are mountains. Over this section vehicles can not travel more than 15 to 30 kilometers per hour.

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